

## DETECTIVES SEEKING

## BLACKMAILERS HERE

New Berlin Bank Embezzler Only One of Many Victims, It Is Believed.

## ARNOLD PAID THOUSANDS?

Gang Said to Operate Through Concern in Financial District, Selling Worthless Stock of Syndicate.

An interesting line of criminal investigation has developed here in connection with the case of Frank T. Arnold, the embezzling cashier of the First National Bank of New Berlin. Detectives who have been working in the interests of the New Berlin bank are after the members of a notorious blackmailing gang who are known to have headquarters in this city. Instead of extorting a few hundred dollars from Arnold, as has been stated, the blackmailers have consistently molested him of thousands of dollars during the last few years, it was said.

These blackmailers are said to have had knowledge of Arnold's pecuniary position for a long time, and to have held the possibility of exposure up to him so persistently that he continued to steal more and larger amounts to satisfy their demands. The possibility of recovering a substantial amount of the bank's money which went into other hands than Arnold's led the detectives to pick up the trail of certain men in this city. One of the men most wanted is said to have left the city suddenly since Arnold confessed his embezzlement. It is believed that he sailed for a South American port.

## Evidence Not in Shape Yet.

So far the detectives working on the case have not the evidence in such shape as to proceed to arrest any member of the blackmailing gang, but there are two or three of its members under their surveillance, it was said, whom they expect to take at the proper time. So cleverly have the members of this gang duped their subjects that the local authorities have been unable to obtain a specific complaint against any one of them which would lead to their arrest and exposure. The New Berlin cashier is said to have been only one of hundreds of "wealthy" subjects of the blackmailing schemes of these men. They have extorted large amounts from women as well as men, it was declared, and always through some knowledge or pretense of a family skeleton or compromising act of the person toward whom they direct their operations. Under such circumstances the victim would inevitably pay rather than run the risk of the threatened exposure.

It was thought likely that the New Berlin cashier might have made the acquaintance of members of this extortion clan on some of his trips to New York and compromised himself with them prior to the time when they learned of his defalcations in New Berlin. They are particularly active in keeping an eye on all out-of-town bankers who may be in the city on business or for pleasure, and this was especially true of the financiers from the smaller cities and towns, it was said. The blackmailers have colleagues in other cities who inform them if they happen to learn of a "favorable" subject starting for Manhattan.

## Stock Said to Be Worthless.

There is a business concern in the financial district through which some of these men operate, it was said. They maintain a suite of well appointed offices and conduct business under a syndicate name for the sole purpose of selling the stock of the syndicate, which is valueless, to the victim of their extortion, in order to make a show of giving him something for the money they have taken from him. In this way the "operators" are most likely to avoid a "come back" in police parlance.

One of the favorite methods said to be employed by the syndicators is to impress on the subject of their threats that they have all the facilities at hand for distributing the story of his family scandal or wrongdoing, to all the local newspapers as well as to other newspapers throughout the country. The name of a well known large news distributing agency is said to have been copied as closely as possible for the business needs of these men.

## NEW BERLIN NOT CAST DOWN

Capital All Subscribed for New National Bank.

Utica, N. Y., April 14.—The doors of the First National Bank of New Berlin will reopen Monday morning for depositors to turn in passbooks and certificates of deposit in order to help the investigators to find out the full extent of the liabilities of the bank. Between seven hundred and eight hundred certificates of deposit have already been obtained. Four national bank examiners are now working at the bank, but the full amount of the liabilities is not yet known.

In spite of the shock by the announcement of the defalcation of the trusted cashier, Frank T. Arnold, New Berlin believes in the future undaunted, for all the stock in the new bank has been subscribed. As soon as the First National closed its doors the movement was started for a similar institution, and a \$50,000 corporation was at once organized. The capital stock, all subscribed, will reach that amount, and the surplus is placed at \$10,000. The application for the charter will be made this week. In the new bank are these prominent residents of the village: Arthur W. Morgan, Lee T. Bradley, F. H. Holmes, H. R. Hayward, Horatio P. Hall, F. A. Ballard, W. M. Backus, E. H. Elliot, A. D. Sprague, Irving L. Fisher and others.

Arnold to-day seemed to be slightly improved. His physician said to-night that he was suffering from nervous prostration, coupled with several other ailments, and declared that he would make no prediction as to the outcome, for it was one of those cases of which the end is exceedingly difficult to foresee.

There have been many canards printed in connection with the bank failure, not the least of them of attempted safe blowing by confederates hired by Arnold with a view of thus explaining any shortage that might be discovered. It has been stated in print, too, that there were vaults in the Arnold home in which money and securities were kept, and much stress was put on the fact that some silverware had been sent from the Arnold home, suggesting that he was preparing a getaway. As a matter of fact, some silverware was sent away, but it went to Arnold's niece, Elizabeth Wright, who is soon to be married, and this was sent to her home, in Buffalo. It is her

## HOW LOWER NEW YORK LOOKS FROM THE TOP OF THE NEWEST AND TALLEST SKYSCRAPER.

Photographs Taken by a Tribune Photographer from the Woolworth Building, at Park Place and Broadway.



Looking Over the Tribune and the World Buildings, the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges Can Be Plainly Seen.

(Photographs by John Farnum.)

## POLICE ON THE TRAIL OF MARSH'S MURDERER

Believing They Have Complete Case, They Send Inspectors to Two States.

## ARREST EXPECTED TO-DAY

Soapmaker Said to Have Been Slain by Man with Whom He Was Well Acquainted and Who Came from Distance.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) LYNN, Mass., April 14.—The Lynn Police Department to-night sent two inspectors to Maine and a third to New York in the hope of picking up the trail of a man who, with revenge as his motive, they believe, killed George E. Marsh, the wealthy soap manufacturer, whose bullet-riddled body was found in the West Lynn marshes last Friday. Every link in the chain of evidence the police is prepared to throw around this man has been forged, they believe.

The Lynn police say they are prepared to show that this man traveled the breadth of the continent to have an accounting with Marsh; that his coming was preceded by threatening letters, which Marsh ignored; that he made every effort to keep his visit to Lynn secret, even to the point of staying away from the Marsh home, where others would have recognized him; that he lay in wait for three days outside the Marsh home before he finally encountered Marsh himself; that he had an automobile in waiting, of which the Lynn police have the number, into which he inveigled Marsh on a pretext, and that Marsh flatly refused to meet his demands.

The murder was committed within half an hour of the time when Marsh disappeared, the police believe, as the soap manufacturer sat talking with his murderer. Five hours later, they declare, his body was placed in an automobile, the car shot through the city and the body was placed where it was afterward found, the man, a stranger to Lynn, believing that the tide would come in far enough to wash the body out. The murderer then dropped out of the city, confident that his tracks had been covered.

## Case Developed Quickly.

The Lynn police, under Chief Burckes, have developed their case within the last forty-eight hours. In talking with Marsh's aged sister, with whom he lived, the first hint of a motive appeared. She told the police that Marsh was involved in the settlement of an estate and that in this connection he had been threatened.

This was only a vague clue. The man who had threatened Marsh was believed to have been 3,000 miles away when the murder was committed. Chief Burckes took a chance. He wired this man's home and learned to his surprise that this man had dropped out of sight in his home town a week ago. Burckes then telegraphed back for a description. He then had a talk with Dr. C. H. Bergengren, who lives at Chatham and Timson streets. Dr. Bergengren had seen a stranger hanging about the vicinity of the Marsh home. Burckes described his man.

"That's the man," declared Bergengren, "he hung about here three days." Inspectors Stacey R. Burckes and William F. Murray have gone to Maine and Inspector William H. Kane's destination is New York State. Chief Burckes refused to-night to tell what cities the men will visit, but declared that he had what he believed to be positive information as to the identity of the man. He added that if an arrest did not result within the next twenty-four hours he would be greatly disappointed. Where this arrest was likely to occur the chief declined to say, but he admitted that he looked for it to be made by members of his own department.

## Little Activity in Lynn.

To-night there was little activity in police circles here. Three of the four inspectors connected with the force were out of town, and the fourth man left headquarters for home early in the evening. Chief Burckes also went home soon after dark and apparently was interested only in getting word from the men who have gone to New York and Maine. This word was not expected to-night.

An invalid, Miss Hannah Roome, informed the police to-day that she heard the sound of shots coming from the direction of the Marsh soap factory on the night Mr. Marsh was murdered. Miss Roome informed a neighbor on Friday morning before she learned of the murder that she had heard shots about midnight, having been awakened by the noise. Not until to-day did she connect the incident with the murder of Mr. Marsh, however.

The information is regarded by the police as aiding materially in their efforts to fix the time and place of the crime.

## MEXICO WARNED BY THE UNITED STATES

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voled by the federal forces, should certainly never be used against American citizens.

HUNTINGTON WILSON. Besides a copy of the foregoing correspondence to be shown to General Orozco, the instructions to the American Consul at Chihuahua, Marion Fletcher, include the following:

You will immediately informally and unofficially present this matter to Orozco according to above instructions and you will at the same time point out that, being an American Consul, charged with the protection of American citizens and interests in Mexico and holding an exequatur from the Mexican government, you are instructed by your government informally to say that you must continue to exercise your functions and to make representations whenever occasion demands.

HUNTINGTON WILSON.

## FOREIGNERS SCENT TROUBLE

Americans, British and Germans Combine in Mexico City.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Mexico City, April 14.—Subjects of Great Britain and Germany living here have joined the American defense colony for mutual protection in case any uprising against foreigners results from the chaotic conditions now prevailing. The Americans have had one thousand Kraus-Jorgensen rifles and plenty of ammunition sent here recently by the United States government. A system of communication has been established by the Americans, Germans and English, and at the first sign that the wives and children of the foreigners' colonies are in peril it has been arranged to concentrate at a point near the American Embassy.

Hundreds of Americans and Europeans are pouring into the capital from all parts of Southern Mexico, where rebellion and brigandage have displaced federal control. Mexico City is also honeycombed with sedition and revolt against the Madero government.

Only yesterday a former general in the Mexican army returned shortly before the overthrow of Diaz offered to join the American defense corps and bring recruits with him. His offer was declined, as no Mexican is now trusted by foreign residents.

## REBELS WIN TWO CITIES

Culiacan, Capital of State of Sinaloa, and Tepic.

Mexico City, April 14.—Culiacan, capital of the state of Sinaloa, and Tepic, capital of the territory of Jalisco, fell into the hands of revolutionists yesterday, according to private dispatches received in Mexico City yesterday. The attack on Culiacan is said to have been led by Martinez de Castro, a Deputy from the state of Sinaloa to the National Assembly. The assault on Tepic was led by Lieutenant Luis Guerrero, formerly in command of the federal garrison in the city of Tepic, which revolted several weeks ago. He is said to have entered the town at the head of four hundred men.

Official confirmation of the taking of the two towns was unobtainable, but the Department of the Interior admitted to-night a battle was being fought at Santiago, twenty-five miles south of Tepic.

## HARBURGER DEFENDS CITY

World-Be Reformers Make It a Sodom, According to the Sheriff.

At a meeting of the members of the Independent Order, Free Sons of Israel, held at Lenox Hall yesterday, Sheriff Julius Harburger, ex-grand master of the order, said: "It is outrageous and blasphemous to hear our city derided by would-be reformers as to its morality."

"Our people are among the best that can be found anywhere. The social evil question will always be an important one until regulated by law, but in our city, with its millions of inhabitants, we are better and purer because we are governed in a liberal spirit. We are not hampered, molested or persecuted, and because of this we are free men in all that the word implies."

"But a set of narrow minded, crimped idea men, always ready to denounce the fair name of our city, let loose periodically, make outsiders believe our city is a Sodom and Gomorrah. All the world should look at our city, wonderful, architecturally beautiful and otherwise."

"It would put in the shade all of the supposed wonders of ancient days, and is the marvellous habitation of millions, and live in a city unequalled as to its morality, education, liberality and charitableness. To be a New Yorker will be a proud distinction recognized everywhere."

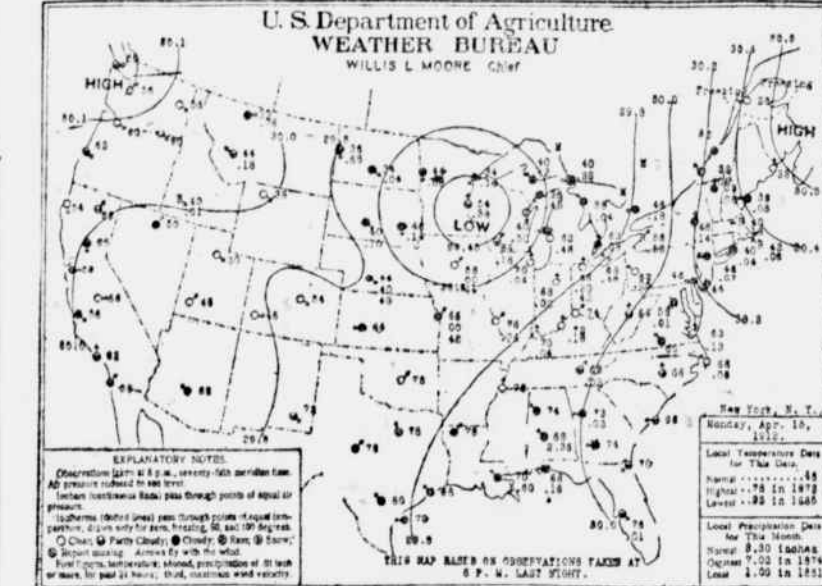
The New Municipal Building Looks Different When Photographed from Such a High Level. The City Hall Lies in an Urban Valley Between the Two Lofty Structures.

Other residents of the vicinity were seen, but so far as known no one else was disturbed by the shots.

## TROLLEY MEN'S HEAD COMING.

William D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, whose agents have been trying to organize the men on the trolley roads in Manhattan, still is in this city at the end of this week to hear reports from his organizers. Attempts were begun some time ago to organize the motormen on the trolley roads as members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

On behalf of some of the motormen and conductors it was said that they were satisfied with wages and conditions, but were ready to join a union, though the last International strike ended disastrously for the strikers. The employers are taking place secretly one man at a time being initiated instead of the perfunctory initiations of groups of men as is usually the case.



## THE WEATHER REPORT.

Official Record and Forecast.—Washington, April 14.—The Western storm centre has moved to Southern Minnesota, but low pressure continues generally over interior districts, except in the Northwest. There were showers and thunderstorms last night and to-day in the Upper Lake region and the Ohio Valley, and showers over the remaining districts east of Mississippi River. There was also some snow in Western North Dakota, Montana and North Wyoming. It is considerably cooler in the Northwest, but generally warmer elsewhere, especially in the Lower and Southern Upper Lake region.

There will be local snow or rain on Monday in the Northwest states and on Northern Upper Lake region, and showers over the Southern Upper Lake and the Lower Lake region, the Upper Ohio Valley and the Atlantic and Gulf states, followed by generally fair weather on Tuesday, except in the Northwest, where showers will probably continue. Over the central portion of the country, the Southwest and extreme West the weather will be generally fair on Monday and Tuesday.

It will be cooler Monday in the central states and moderately cooler also in the Northwest. Tuesday will be generally fair, with showers or rain in the Upper Lake region, and showers over the Southern Upper Lake and the Lower Lake region. It will be somewhat warmer on Monday in the interior of New England and the Middle Atlantic states, followed by falling temperatures Tuesday or Tuesday night.

The break in the lower level below has improved the situation at Helena, and conditions are also improving above that place, with no further break expected. The river has fallen slightly in the Vicksburg district and is stationary at Natchez, but continues to rise below. Stages Sunday were as follows: Hannibal, 38.2; Mount Vernon, 41.2; Shawanoe, 45.9; Paducah, 48.0; Cairo, 52.9; New Madrid, 42.8; Memphis, 42.3; Helena, 65.4; Vicksburg, 60.9; Natchez, 62.4; Baton Rouge, 59.3; Donaldsonville, 61.5; New Orleans, 19.7; Kansas City, 22.1, and St. Louis, 25.4 feet.

The winds along the New England coast will be southeasterly and becoming brisk; Middle Atlantic coast, moderate to brisk, southeasterly; South Atlantic coast, moderate, east and southeast; East Gulf coast, moderate, southeast and south; West Gulf coast, moderate, mostly southeast; Lake Michigan, brisk, south and west; Great Lakes, brisk, south and west.

Steamers departing on Monday for European ports will have moderate to brisk southerly and southerly winds with unsettled, showery weather to the Grand Banks.

## WANTS DEBATE WITH COLONEL FARLEY DEDICATES CHURCH

(From The Tribune Telegram.) Washington, April 14.—Representative A. P. Gardner, of the 6th District of Massachusetts, a son-in-law of Senator Lodge and who, it may be recalled, announced after Colonel Roosevelt's Columbus speech that he would not run for reelection on a platform which called for the recall of judicial decisions, has issued the following challenge to Colonel Roosevelt:

My Dear Colonel: I seek by the new papers that you intend soon to speak in Massachusetts. It seems to me that the real issues in this campaign are being lost sight of and that an editor is being made to link the name of President Taft with that of Senator Lodge and other unpopular persons whom the president has disavowed. During your Massachusetts tour I respectfully invite you to a joint debate on the principles at issue in your campaign. The time and place for the debate I leave entirely for your decision. Very respectfully, A. P. GARDNER, Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, Oyster Bay, Long Island, N. Y.

## Cardinal Officials at Morning and Afternoon Ceremonies.

The newly finished Church of the Sacred Heart, at 16th street and Shakespeare avenue, The Bronx, was formally dedicated in a morning and an afternoon ceremony by Cardinal Farley yesterday. The new church is one of the finest in New York, and is entirely constructed of white marble, polished inside to a high finish. The Cardinal, with other prelates and priests present, marched up the centre aisle to the sound of the organ, preceded by the choir boys carrying their staff and followed by pages bearing his train. As the procession marched through the church the Cardinal sprinkled the congregation and the entire building with holy water. After performing the rites of dedication at the altar the Cardinal mounted his canopy throne, where he sat during the mass and the sermon by Father McManis.

Besides the Cardinal Monsignor Hayes, Monsignor Mooney, Monsignor Dunne, Monsignor Lewis and other priests of the Catholic Church in New York City were present. The ceremony in all lasted about four hours, and the church was crowded to its utmost capacity. Immediately after the ceremony the Cardinal left to keep other appointments in the city.

## EXPLOSION WARNS OF FIRE

Spectacular Blaze Near Water-front—Engine Driver Burned.

As Charles Hoffman, driver of Engine Company 12, drove up to the front of No. 225 Front street, where a fire had not yet been extinguished, there was a tremendous back draft in the building. Flames shot through the windows of the lower floor and the front door was blown out. A sheet of flame shot across the street and Hoffman fell from his seat, badly burned on the face, arms, legs and body. He was taken to the Volunteer Hospital.

The building was occupied in the main by shellie and varnish concerns. Directly in the rear, at No. 273 Water street, is a four story building occupied by J. A. Zibel, dealer in oils and greases. A wall of fire was thrown up and this building was saved.

A tremendous explosion, which lifted off the roof and tore out the three top floors of the five story building, was the first indication that a fire was in progress. It was early apparent there was no chance of saving the burning building, and the firemen devoted much of their efforts to saving the adjacent buildings. The burning building was an old one, and when the heavy streams of the high pressure service were thrown on it many bricks were dislodged and added danger to the firemen working below.

Pedestrians on Brooklyn Bridge had an excellent view of the fire. They crowded the promenade and were joined by many people who saw the blaze from surface cars and left the cars to look at it. The explosion was followed by a great burst of flame, which shot a hundred feet into the air. There was continuous vivid flame until the firemen had been working nearly an hour, and then for a time there were dense banks of smoke.

W. B. Daniels & Co., dealers in varnishes, occupied the greater part of the building.

## IMMIGRANT SOCIETY TO MEET.

A meeting of the Society for Italian Immigrants will be held at the house of W. J. Schieffelin, No. 5 East 66th street, to-day at 4 o'clock. William Roscoe Thayer, the historian and author of the recently published "Life of Cavour," will speak. William Williams, Commissioner of Immigration, will show moving pictures of conditions among the immigrants and Ernesto G. Fabbri will preside.

## STONE KILLS BABY AND POLICE SAVE THROWER

Queens Man Attacked by Italians When He Disturbs Game of Bowls.

## THROWS TO STOP PURSUIT

Missile Crushes Skull of Infant in Mother's Arms, Then Infuriated Men Redouble Efforts to Catch Him.

Attacked by a crowd of half a hundred angry Italians while walking on Ocean avenue, Queens, yesterday afternoon, Frank C. Baker, a steamfitter, of No. 1326 Wyckoff avenue, Queens, took up a stone and threw it at the men. The stone struck James De Lane, a two-year-old Italian baby, carried in its mother's arms, and killed the infant. The crowd then chased Baker, who sought refuge under a grandstand, and was only saved from death by the timely arrival of the police. Baker was later locked up on a charge of homicide.

According to the story Baker told the police, he was walking on Ocean avenue, near Liberty avenue, when he encountered a crowd of Italians who were bowling in the roadway with heavy wooden balls. The men were greatly wrought up over their game, and when Baker accidentally hit one of the balls with his foot in passing the Italians became enraged.

They picked up sticks, stones and bottles and hurled them at Baker, who sought safety in flight. The Italians chased him down the street, those who could get within striking distance punching him and kicking at him.

Baker realized he was in danger of being seriously injured, if not killed, by the furious men, who were shaking stones and clubs at their run. Seeing a large stone in the roadway, he picked it up and turned quickly. The foremost of the Italians were now almost upon him.

In the excitement of the moment, however, Baker's aim was bad. Instead of hitting any of the men he was aiming at the rock struck the baby, whose mother was sitting on a nearby doorstep. The blow fractured the baby's skull, the blood spurting over the mother's dress.

Seeing this, the Italians gathered close about Baker, determined now to kill him. Baker saw what he had done, and ran as fast as he could, at the same time yelling for help. Several persons heard his cries, but either did not know what was the matter or dared not interfere.

Baker, who was fast tiring, glanced about to see if there was not some place of refuge. His eyes lit on the grandstand in the ball park of the Ozone Park Field club, in a roadside lot. He vaulted the fence and made for the stand. The Italians jumped over the fence and followed him, and when Baker reached the stand he was so weak he could scarcely climb up the seats.

He finally managed to drop down behind the rows of seats and crouched down in one corner. His pursuers reached the place a minute later, and some of them began to throw stones at him, while others started to climb under the stand to rail him out, at the same time threatening to kill him.

Just when it looked as though Baker would be pulled from beneath his shelter, Patrolmen Brady and Klefer, of the Ozone Park police station, appeared in the park. They were forced to draw their revolvers to drive the Italians back, and it was only after a free use of their clubs that they were able to rescue Baker.

Scared and suffering from a dozen wounds, Baker was taken to the station house, after having his injuries attended by Dr. Tierney, of St. Mary's Hospital. The surgeons said the little girl had been killed instantly by the stone.

## STRIKERS' BENEFIT SALE.

Announcement was made last night that the final afternoon and evening benefit sale of oil paintings, drawings, etchings and water colors for the strikers' children at Lawrence, Mass., would be held to-day and to-night at No. 34 East 48th street. The pictures are the work of well known artists and have been priced at minimum figures especially for this occasion.

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